Opioid Drug Utilization Review: Operational Impact of Exemptions by Managed Care Organization

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Cancer	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	There is a claims lookback for oral oncology drugs only to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	There is a claims lookback used to exclude members from the prior authorization.*	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization pro- cess.*	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	There is a claims look-back used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	
Sickle Cell	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization pro- cess.*	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	There is a claims look-back used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	
Hospice	ICD-10 diagnosis code of Z.51.5 will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Captured on the prior authorization form.	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization pro- cess.*	Diagnosis codes will be used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	There is a claims look-back used to exclude members from the prior authorization process.*	Captured on the prior authoriza- tion form.	
Palliative Care	Captured on the prior authorization form for all MCOs and Medicaid fee-for-service.									
Are long-term care facilities exempt from the prior authorization process?	Yes. It is captured on the prior authorization form.	No.	Yes. It will not be pro- cessed as a pharmacy benefit.	Yes. It will not be processed as a pharmacy benefit.	Yes. It is captured on the prior authorization form.	Yes. It will not be processed as a pharmacy benefit.	No.	Yes. It is captured on the prior authorization form.	Yes. It will not be pro- cessed as a pharmacy benefit.	

*Exemption is also captured on the prior authorization form.



Opioid Drug Utilization Review: Additional Managed Care Organization Information

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Does the organization have additional criteria above the DUR minimum standard?	No.	Yes. A non-opioid therapy must have been tried and failed.	No.	Yes. A prescriber must attest that the member has a diagnosis of chronic pain requiring at least three months of consistent opioid therapy.	Yes. It is drug-spe- cific	Yes. There is additional criterion in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines,	No.	Yes. Namely for long-acting opioids.	Yes. It is drug-specif- ic and listed on their formulary.		
How is MME calculated?	Each managed care organization contracts with a different pharmacy benefits manager; however, all managed care organizations use the same conversion factors.										
Where do I direct requests for prior authorization?	(P) 800-932-3918 (F) 866-440-9345	(P) 800-788-2949 (F) 866-331-2104	410-933-2200 800-905-1722 8am-5pm 410-999-5525 after 5pm*	(P) 800-364-6331	(P) 877-418-4133 (F) 1-855-762-5205	(P) 800-310-6826	800-753-2851	(P) 844-367-6108 (F) 855-363-0728	800-213-5640 option # 1 800-583-6010 (Fax)		
Where should I direct my questions?	1-800-492-5231 option # 3	1-866-331-2103	800-364-6331	1-800-364-6331	1-800-364-6331	1-855-475-5088	800-922-1557	800-454-3730	800-213-5640		

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